

Federal Communications Commission

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such facts as are necessary to give a full understanding of the matter, including relevant legal and documentary support).

Wherefore, complainant asks (here state specifically the relief desired).

(Date)

(Name of each complainant)

(Name, address, and telephone number of attorney, if any)

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§ 1.722 Damages.

(a) In case recovery of damages is sought, the complaint shall contain appropriate allegations showing such evidence that will identify, with reasonable certainty, the amount of damages for which recovery is sought.

(b) Damages will not be awarded upon a complaint unless specifically requested. Damages may be awarded, however, upon a supplemental complaint based upon a finding of the Commission in the original proceeding. *Provided that:*

(1) If recovery of damages or overcharges is first sought by supplemental complaint, such supplemental complaint must be filed within, and recovery is limited to, the statutory periods of limitations contained in section 415 of the Communications Act;

(2) A claim for recovery of damages contained in a supplemental complaint based on a finding of the Commission in the original proceeding which meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section shall relate back to the filing date of the original formal complaint if:

(i) The original complaint clearly and unequivocally requests the recovery of damages (even if the precise amount and other specific details are unknown), and

(ii) Such supplemental complaint is filed no later than 60 days after public notice (as defined in § 1.4(b) of the rules) of a decision on the merits of the original complaint.

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§ 1.723 Joinder of complainants and causes of action.

(a) Two or more complainants may join in one complaint if their respective causes of action are against the same defendant and concern substantially the same facts and alleged violation of the Communications Act.

(b) Two or more grounds of complaint involving the same principle, subject, or statement of facts may be included in one complaint, but should be separately stated and numbered.

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§ 1.724 Answers.

(a) Any carrier upon which a copy of a formal complaint, supplemental complaint, amended complaint, or cross complaint is served under this subpart shall answer within 30 days of service of the pleading to which the answer is made, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

(b) The answer shall advise the parties and the Commission fully and completely of the nature of any defense, and shall respond specifically to all material allegations of the complaint. Collateral or immaterial issues shall be avoided in answers and every effort should be made to narrow the issues. Any party failing to file and serve an answer within the time and in the manner prescribed by these rules may be deemed in default and an order may be entered against defendant in accordance with the allegations contained in the complaint.

(c) A party shall state concisely its defenses to each claim asserted and shall admit or deny the averments on which the adverse party relies. If the party is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of an averment, the party shall so state and this has the effect of a denial. When a pleader intends in good faith to deny only part of an averment, the pleader shall specify so much of it as is true and shall deny only the remainder. The pleader may make its denials as specific denials of designated averments or paragraphs, or may generally deny all the averments except such designated averments or paragraphs as the pleader expressly admits. When the pleader intends to controvert